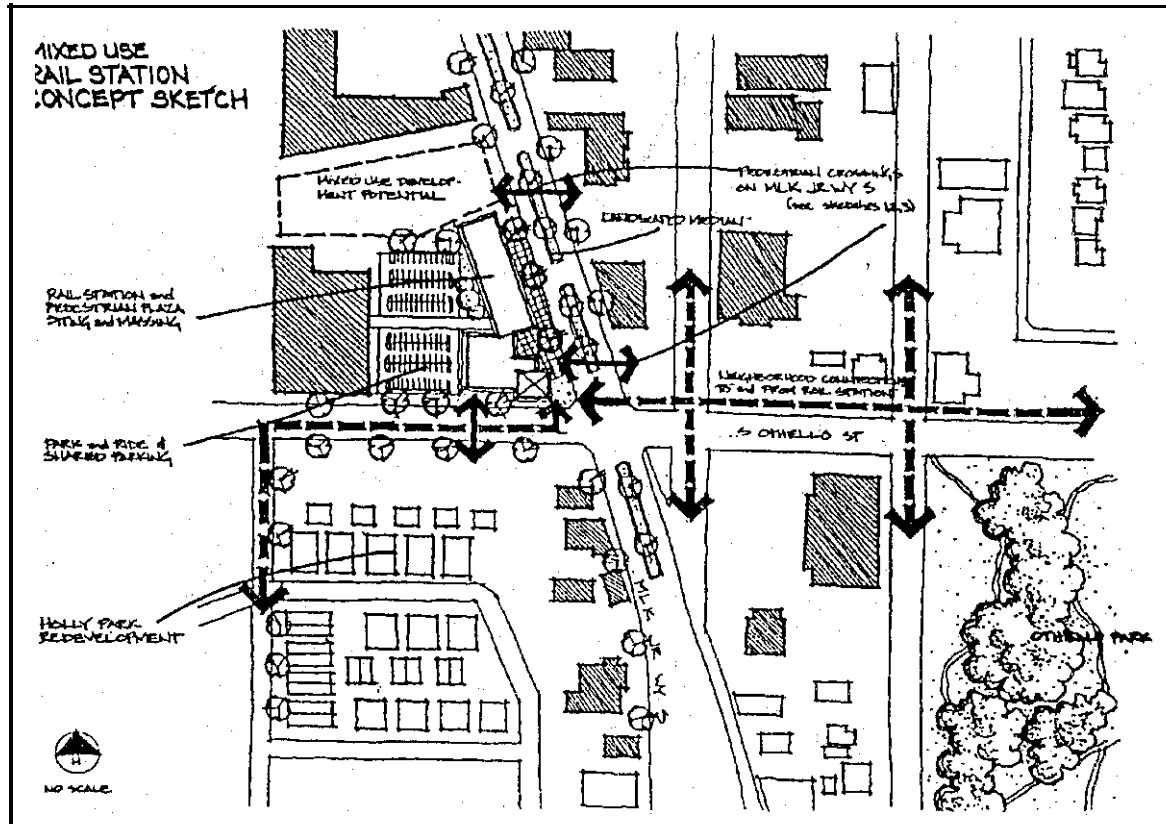


MLK @ HOLLY STREET



RESIDENTIAL URBAN VILLAGE PLAN



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NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING ASSOCIATION



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Dear MLK @ Holly Street Community Member:

While the meeting location and participants have" changed, the MLK @ Holly Street Neighborhood Planning Association continues to shape the concerns, hopes and ambitions of residents into long-range planning.

At present, stakeholders expect to present those recommendations before the Seattle City Council in September.

Now the work of our volunteer task force is largely complete, as residents and businessmen in the urban village are being forwarded dre final proposals. These recommendations encompass public safety, economic development, land use, transportation and social services.

The Residential Urban Village Plan represents the culmination of our work: a draft presentation of our final recommendations. For those who wish to respond, there is yet time to forward your concerns to the association.

This work of gathering, articulating and prioritizing community concerns began three years ago, when about fifteen (15) stakeholders first gathered. They drafted operating guidelines and elected Bill Wippel as Chairperson. Wippel, the community outreach representative of Union Gospel Mission, was central to the early formation and conduct of the group.

During that time, he oversaw the visioning potion of our work. That work culminated in 1997 with an April meeting at the Trinity Life Center. In attendance were about seventy (70) residents who broke into small work groups to brainstorm and exchange ideas. Translation services were available for Chinese, Vietnamese and Laotian speakers.

From the work that was done at that meeting, Planning Association members were able to group issues and begin drafting our recommendations. Our visioning work concluded in July, 1997, after the Planning Association sent out a mailing to the entire neighborhood and gathered survey responses at area businesses.

That time also signaled a change in leadership for the second phase of our planning process. Stepping in were Karen Brawley and David Thomson. Brawley, who had worked with Wippel as a Co-Chair in the first phase, brought with a considerable familiarity with group processes and a special concern for housing issues. Thomson, a new resident to the community, agreed to work with Brawley in facilitating communication and drafting group correspondence.

Their leadership initiated the work to develop a neighborhood plan for MLK @ Holly Street. The far-reaching work of the Planning Association has put members in partnership

Planning Association members inspected **light** railway **designs**. We considered such **field** tips crucial because they gave us opportunity to envision how a proposal **route in Rainier Valley** would affect all **sectors** of the community and possibly even jump charge economic development. Ron NewtOn, manager of the MLK Washington Mutual Bank, and Kitty Gaines, the Planning Association **secretary**, assumed leading roles in articulating neighborhood concerns on the potential impacts of Sound Transit planning and development

Integrating the work of other community organizations were Ron Momoda, an activist for Friends of Othello **Park**, and **Nailah Evans-Eadom**, who has served as administrative assistant throughout the work of the, Planning Association. Momoda, who engineered the successful relegation of a proposed cell phone tower and rallied support against the location of a sexual offenders **half-way** house in **the** neighborhood often served as group historian. **Evans-Eadom**, founder of Single Mothers AU Raising Their Sons, never let the association **stray** far from public safety concerns through her work with the South Seattle Crime Prevention Council.

None of the work would have been possible, however, without the ongoing support of residents, businessmen and public servants. And while that work is concluding now, know we are **circulating** this Draft Plan with the understanding that community planning is an on-going task.

From here, review the Plan and address your support or reservations at the Validation Events currently scheduled **for**:

- . Saturday, August 8th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.; and,
- Monday, August 10th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m..

These events will take place at Grace Apostolic Temple, located at 6818 **Martin** Luther King Jr. Way South.

For the future, look for the call to be involved with the day to day details of planning the Sound Transit route and rail station, as well as the redevelopment of **Holly Park**

It's an exciting **time** to get involved with the planning for our neighborhood. Beyond that, know it's never too late to make your voice heard.

Sincerely,

Karen **Brawley** and David Thomson
Co-Chairs
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The Goals, Policies, and Recommendations of the MLK @ Holly Street Residential Urban Village Plan have been preliminarily reviewed by the MLK @ Holly Street Neighborhood Planning Association. However, they contain some new material and will be subject to further review and revision by the Planning Association.

The MLK @ Holly Street community will be notified of the Recommendations of the MLK @ Holly Street Residential Urban Village Plan in July, 1998. Community members will present their response to the Planning Association in August, 1998.

The City of Seattle Neighborhood Planning Review and Response Team will review the MLK @ Holly Street Residential Urban Village Plan in July, 1998. The City's response will be presented to the Planning Association in August, 1998.

Based upon community feedback and the City's response, the Planning Association will prepare an addendum to the MLK @ Holly Street Residential Urban Village Plan.

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